WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3613

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 22, 1991

Application of RAPIDTRANS, INC.,)	Case No.	AP-91-09
for a Certificate of Authority)		
Irregular Route Operations			

By application filed February 15, 1991, RAPIDTRANS, Inc. (RAPIDTRANS or applicant), seeks a Certificate of Authority to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

The proposed transportation would include transportation for the account of D.C. Chartered Health Plan, Inc. (Chartered), a health maintenance organization of which applicant is a wholly-owned subsidiary. That transportation would be performed under contract with Chartered. Applicant proposes to initiate the proposed transportation using leased vehicles having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers.

The application contains, among other things, information regarding applicant's vehicle maintenance program, minimum requirements for drivers, finances, and regulatory compliance record.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a Certificate of Authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7, requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform that transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and that the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of the application of RAPIDTRANS for a Certificate of Authority. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That RAPIDTRANS, Inc., no later than Monday, March 4, 1991, shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of its revenue vehicles through the deadline for filing protests, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

- 2. That RAPIDTRANS, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Monday, March 25, 1991, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published and posted as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That any person wanting to protest this application shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation 54-04(a) and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so, in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), no later than Monday, March 25, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's representative, Clifford E. Barnes, Esquire, 1227 25th Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20037.
- 4. That any person seeking oral hearing on this matter shall request one, in writing, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b) no later than Monday, March 25, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Clifford E. Barnes, Esquire, 1227 25th Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director